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Subject: Freedom of Information Request: EPA rejecting chlorpyrifos ban

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Environmental Protection Agency
National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All email correspondence, including attachments, sent or received between January 20, 2017 and March 29, 2017 as well as all records of correspondence, call logs, voicemails and/or voicemail transcriptions, and calendar appointments between January 20, 2017 and March 29, 2017 that meet the following parameters:

- (1) Sent or received by Administrator Scott Pruitt, Don Benton, Holly Greaves, Roger Martella, George Sugiyama, David Schnare, Joseph Desilets, Charles Munoz, Patrick Davis, David Kreutzer, Doug Eriksen, Justin Schwab, Layne Bangerter, Brian Dansel, Byron Brown, Samantha Dravis, John Konkus, or Ryan Jackson; and
- (2) Relate to "chlorpyrifos."

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the decision by the EPA administrator to not ban this product. That is of current interest to the public as this Executive Order has broad reaching impacts to the health and wellbeing of the American public and are currently a subject of national news value (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/29/us/politics/epa-insecticide-chlorpyrifos.html>).

This information is being sought on behalf of ThinkProgress.org (an online news service) for dissemination to the general public and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. I am a reporter with ThinkProgress, an online news site with a national audience seeking these documents entirely for news-gathering purposes.

I would like to receive the information in the following format: electronic.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because the recent decision by the Administrator not to ban this chemical -- a move that will have broad reaching impacts to the health and well-being of the American public and one that is currently a subject of national news value. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information because this decision just happened and was just reported -- a decision that could be a life and death matter for those who come in contact with the chemical.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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